

Showers Tonight; Warmer Tomorrow.

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## LEONARD SPRINGS SURPRISE; CLOSES WITH NO ARGUMENT

Sutton Attorneys Taken Back by Sudden Action of Judge Advocate.

## COURT ADJOURNS UNTIL TOMORROW

Case May Be Closed and in Hands of Three Men by Friday Night.

By THEODORE H. TILLER.

ANNAPOLIS, Aug. 12.—Surprising every one with the dramatically rendered announcement that the United States Government had no argument to offer and that he, for certain reasons, wanted to withdraw from the case as soon as the court had retired in secret to consider its recommendations, Major Henry Leonard, judge advocate of the Sutton naval court of inquiry, at noon today closed the case so far as further testimony is concerned.

The refusal of the judge advocate to present any oral argument caught other counsel somewhat unawares and adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when Attorney Henry E. Davis, of counsel for Mrs. James N. Sutton, will sum up. Attorney A. A. Birney, counsel for Lieutenant Adams, will follow.

## COURT RETIRES TOMORROW

By tomorrow night the court of three, it is now thought, will have retired to consider whether or not the evidence adduced at this hearing disproved the correctness of the former verdict that Lieut. James N. Sutton, United States Marine Corps, committed suicide after a midnight fight with his fellow officers on October 13, 1907.

On these men's recommendations to the Navy Department largely depend the success of the efforts of mother and sister to clear the Sutton name.

## Little of Conventional

There was little of the conventional in the closing moments of the noted inquiry today. Lieut. Robert Adams, the first witness called, occupied the center of the stage on the day that the present hearing began, now nearly a month ago. Lieutenant Adams was in the spotlight as the testimony closed. He had just arisen from the floor where, with three men astride of him, he re-enacted just how it is claimed that Sutton, under similar circumstances, pulled an arm from beneath him and shot himself.

Adams, with a little difficulty, snapped the gun again his head. Then he arose, brushed his khaki uniform and resumed his place, red-faced and with a smile of triumph playing about his mouth.

Dr. Edward M. Schaeffer, of Washington, a pistol expert, who had been attending all the morning that self-murder under such circumstances was physically impossible, was recalled and asked a pertinent question.

"In the light of that demonstration," said the judge advocate, "do you say that Sutton could not have killed himself?"

"I regard it as impossible," was the reply. "A pistol shot in any of the positions held by Adams," he continued deliberately, "could not, according to my mind, have produced a wound that took the course of this one through his head."

## Roelker Not Located

Then the doctor was excused. The court asked if there were any more witnesses, and after the judge advocate had explained that the missing Lieutenant Roelker could not be located, the testimony taking closed.

President Hoad, as every one settled.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

A disturbance that covers the Missouri Valley will move slowly eastward, and cause unsettled weather and local rains over the greater part of the country east of the Mississippi river during the next thirty-six hours.

The temperature will rise in the middle Atlantic States, western New England, the upper Ohio Valley, and the lower Lake region.

The winds along the New England and middle Atlantic coasts will be light to moderate variable, on the south Atlantic and east Gulf coasts light variable.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m. 67  
9 a. m. 67  
10 a. m. 67  
11 a. m. 67  
Noon 67  
2 p. m. 67  
3 p. m. 67

FORECAST FOR DISTRICT.  
Showers tonight or Friday; warmer Friday; light variable winds.

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises 5:31  
Sun sets 6:37

TIDE TABLE.  
Today—High tide: 5 a. m. and 5:42 p. m.  
Low tide: 11:52 a. m. and 1:37 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide: 5:57 a. m. and 6:37 p. m.  
Low tide: 12:45 a. m.

CONDITION OF THE RIVERS.  
HARRIS FERRY, Va., Aug. 12.—Both of the rivers are clear today.

Moldings 1 Cent a Foot.  
Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave.

## BORNE ON STRETCHER TO HIS FATHER'S BIER

Rudolph Brennan, Just Recovering From Operation, Persuades Physicians to Allow Him to See Face of Dead Parent—To Mourn With Mother.

Pleading in vain to be carried on a stretcher to St. Stephen's Church, where funeral services were being held over the body of his father, Patrick J. Brennan, the Washington contractor, who died Tuesday, Rudolph W. Brennan, his sixteen-year-old son, this morning read the services for the dead from his prayer book.

The face of his dead father was as indelibly impressed on his memory, as when he was carried into the death chamber yesterday afternoon, and with his mother, who knelt beside the casket, gazed upon the beloved face for the last time.

It was only after long pleading that the authorities of the Providence Hospital, where the boy has just undergone an operation for appendicitis, allowed the boy to be taken, in charge of two physicians, to view the body of his father for the last time, and pray with his mother by the side of the casket.

Saved His Life.  
"His death saved my life," moaned the boy this morning. "I wish I could have gone to save him."

It was his father's death sickness which prevented the death of young Rudolph, for the surgeon who operated upon him for appendicitis declared that another hour, or perhaps two, of delay and death would have been certain.

When Dr. Mitchell called to see Patrick J. Brennan last Wednesday, Rudolph, the sixteen-year-old son, was not feeling well. An examination was made of him after the call on the father.

After a short consultation a taxi cab was called and Rudolph was hurried away to Providence Hospital and placed on the operating table at once.

By the closest call in the course of his surgery, Dr. Mitchell said, young Rudolph's life was saved. Out there in the country his father lay dying and no one told him of the danger to which his son was exposed.

## News of Father's Death

Almost a week passed by and Rudolph was well on the way toward recovery when an attendant entered his ward with a face that told the young man the news he was bearing.

"My father is dead," he said, and the attendant nodded.

Yesterday they told him that the body of his father had been brought home, and his anxiety to see him once more was pitiful. He would go if he had to walk, he said. He would not lie there in the hospital and never see that father again.

So the doctors consulted, and decided to let the law see his father. They took him in an ambulance, and with tender care they carried him to his home up the steps at 1527 Twenty-first street, where his mother and sisters wept at the side of his father's bier.

The last rites and one of the most impressive ceremonies in the ritual of the Catholic church, solemn requiem mass, was celebrated this morning at 9 o'clock in St. Stephen's Church, for Patrick J. Brennan.

The celebrant of the mass was the Rev. W. S. Caughy, with the Rev. T. G. Smyth as deacon, and the Rev. Charles Heath as subdeacon. A special musical program was given by the church quartet, with G. H. Wells as organist.

The church was crowded with the many friends of the deceased and a profusion of flowers was banked around the bier.

Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The honorary pallbearers were: Judge William M. De Lacy, N. H. Shea, W. A. Church, W. M. Drury, W. H. Walker, O. H. Johnson, W. F. Downey, P. T. Moran, James A. Cahill, and Harold Davis. They were all personal friends of the deceased and were associated with him in his many business enterprises and charitable associations.

The active pallbearers were selected from his employees in the Brennan Construction Company, of which the deceased was president. They were: E. G. Lorenz, E. B. Johnson, H. A. Robey, C. J. Toole, Alvin Smoot, and J. T. Fitzgerald.

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## SPURNED, HE SHOOTS SWEETHEART OF CAR

Chicago Man Kills Woman and Then Turns Revolver Upon Himself.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—A love affair reached a tragic conclusion this morning when Thomas Katones, twenty-six, murdered Victoria Kovance, twenty-two, while the couple were riding on a crowded street car on the West Side, and then fired a bullet into his own head.

The girl was killed instantly, while Katones may recover.

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## CONTRACTOR FOUND DEAD BESIDE TRACK

Joseph A. Blundon. Meets Same Fate as Did Son Years Ago.

## STRUCK AND KILLED BY SPEEDING TRAIN

Body Found This Morning Where Path Leading Home Crosses Railroad.

Struck by the same train at the same spot where his son was killed fourteen years ago, the mangled body of Joseph A. Blundon, a prominent contractor of Washington, was found this morning beside the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio at Riverdale, Md., a hundred yards from his home.

Mr. Blundon left his house about 7 o'clock last night and did not return. Fearing that some disaster had befallen him, his son-in-law, Claude Warren, started out at 4 o'clock this morning to look for him. He found the coat of Mr. Blundon near the path that crosses the railway track leading to the contractor's home. A few feet away and mangled into an almost unrecognizable mass, he came across the body.

No Witnesses.

While there were no witnesses to the accident, it is almost certain that Mr. Blundon was struck by the fast Baltimore and Ohio train that passes through Riverdale at 9:10 o'clock to Baltimore.

It is thought that the unfortunate man, who is slightly deaf, heard the rumbling of a train which had passed a few minutes before on its way to Washington, and did not look to see if a train were coming in the other direction.

Of late years the contractor had been afflicted with poor sight, and this may have added to his confusion, so that he was unable to get out of the way of the fast-moving train.

Fourteen years ago Mr. Blundon's son, Waters, who was fourteen years old, attempted to cross the track at the same place at night, just as the 9:10 train was approaching. In some way he became confused and was struck by the train, his body being mangled almost as horribly as was his father's.

When Mr. Warren came upon his ghastly find this morning he at once communicated with Frank Gaseh, the undertaker at Bladensburg. A few hours later the body was taken into Washington to Gaseh's undertaking establishment. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning, but the place of interment has not yet been decided upon.

Mrs. Blundon was notified of her husband's death only after the body had been taken into Washington. Her life practically was wrecked by the tragic death of her son, and it was feared the news of her husband's death might prove too great a shock.

Besides his wife, Mr. Blundon is survived by three daughters, Miss Marie Blundon, Mrs. Claude Warren, whose husband is manager of the Riverdale Park Company, and Mrs. Frank Bomberger, whose husband is a professor at Maryland Agricultural College. He is also survived by a son, Paul Blundon, twelve years old.

Mr. Blundon is survived by two brothers and three sisters, who live in Washington. They are W. C. Blundon, a well-known contractor, and Alexander Blundon, an attaché of the Weather Bureau. The sisters are Mrs. William Denham, Mrs. Laura Egan, and Mrs. Mercer B. Mayfield.

Made Riverdale.

Mr. Blundon came to Riverdale fifteen years ago. He was one of the incorporators and executive officers of the Riverdale Park Company and has practically made Riverdale what it is today. He owns one of the handsomest residences at the park.

Born sixty-five years ago in Georgetown as practically spent his entire life in the District of Columbia. His contracts were usually for concrete work and many of the handsomest structures in the Capital were built by him. He put in the fire proofing for the Wyoming apartment house and helped to construct many other of the largest apartment houses in the city.

Until a short time ago his office was at 10th street, but recently he moved it to 525 Ninth street.

Coroner Dahler, of Bladensburg, will now empanel a jury, as he considers it unnecessary.

Mr. Blundon was a staunch Republican and a prominent member of the Vanuville Republican Club of the State of Maryland, which meets once a month and has an exclusive membership of twelve members.

Gets Others Free and Goes to Jail.

French Captain Sentenced to One Year for Obtaining Military Pardon.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—Captain Marix was today sentenced to one year's imprisonment on conviction of using his influence to obtain military pardons and to assist citizens in escaping military duty. It was shown that Marix charged all the way from \$200 to \$1,000 for his services.

M. Weill and M. Grenier, private citizens, who were implicated with Marix, were sentenced to six and eighteen months respectively. Marix is a Jew and an attempt was made to charge his conviction to a revival of the anti-semitic feeling.

Piper Heldstock champagne flavor chewing tobacco is the highest degree of acknowledged superiority.—Adv.

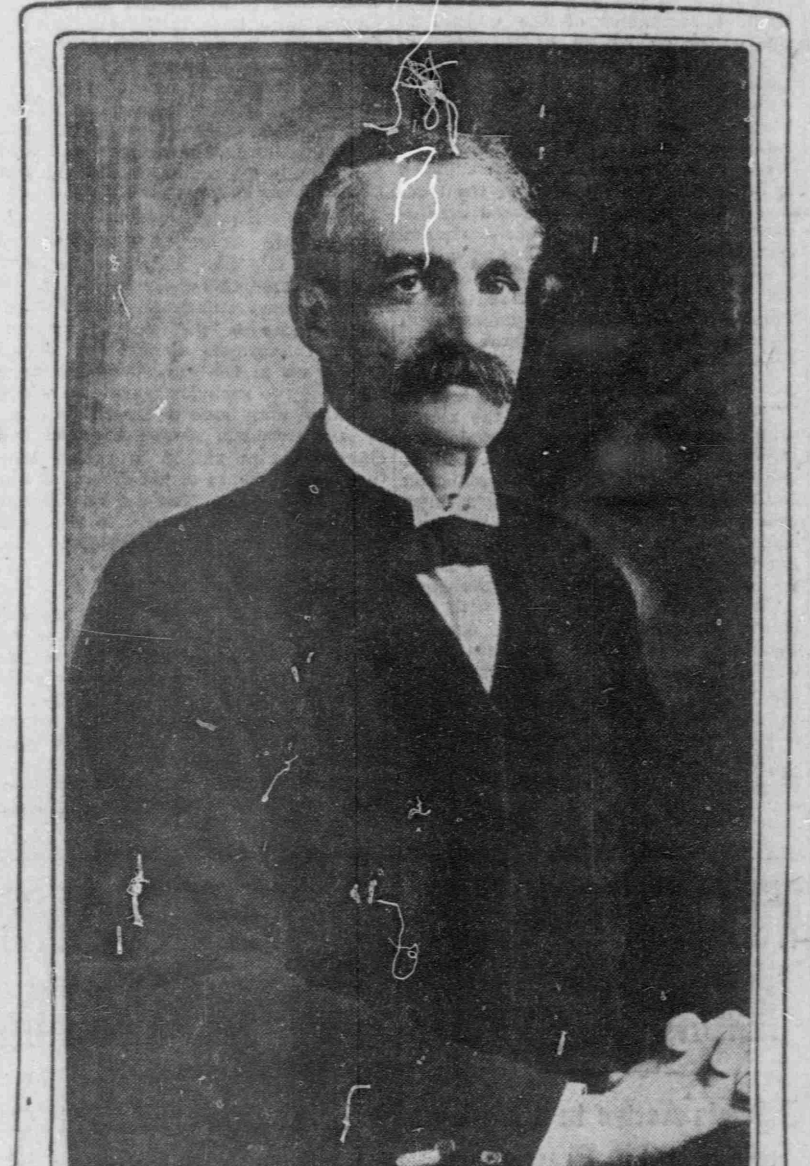
FIRE LOSS \$40,000.

READING, Pa., Aug. 12.—The plant of the Reading Abattoir was destroyed by fire today. The loss is about \$40,000.

A Whole Window Glazed, \$1.25.

Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave.—Adv.

## ATTACK ON BALLINGER ONLY START OF FIGHT



GIFFORD PINCHOT, CHIEF FORESTER.

## ROCKVILLE WOMAN ATTACKED BY YOUTH

Posse Searching Country for Assailant—Her Condition Critical.

Poses of armed men are scouring the country in the vicinity of Rockville, Md., today, for Ollis Harris, who is charged with brutally beating and assaulting his aunt at her home near that place early this morning.

The woman was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood in one of the back rooms on the first floor of her home.

## FIRE DESTROYS RESORT HOTELS

Entire Place Threatened by Flames That Start in Pavilion.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12.—Flames starting in a pavilion at Washington Park, a popular resort, five miles below this city on the Delaware river, have destroyed several large hotels, and threatens to destroy all of the twenty-five structures there.

Help has been sent from this city and Camden. The Gloucester, N. J., department is unable to cope with the situation owing to scarcity of water. A thousand pickpockets were forced to flee to the meadows for safety.

## STEAMER ARAPAHO STILL ON THE ROCKS

Sends Out Distress Signal and Boats Are Going to Her Aid.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Although she flashed out her "S O S," which on the United Wireless means the same as "C Q D" on the Marconi system, the steamer Arapahoe, of the Clyde line, is still wallowing around off the Hatteras lightship without aid, but half a dozen vessels are now on the way to her.

The Arapahoe broke her tail shaft yesterday afternoon, and immediately began sending wireless signals of distress.

The Arapahoe is carrying an unusually large number of passengers, but no fears are entertained for their safety.

Drowns Self and Babe.

McCOMB, Ohio, Aug. 12.—The bodies of Mrs. James H. Ritter and her year-old daughter were found in an abandoned well by the woman's husband, who noticed their absence at an early hour this morning. The coroner pronounced the case suicide. Mrs. Ritter had been in ill health. The body of the baby was clasped tightly in her arms.

A Pair of Blinds, No. (1), \$1.15.

Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave.—Adv.

## PINCHOT'S ATTITUDE MAY BRING CRISIS

Friction Over Conservation Policies Expected to Develop Trouble.

That war is ahead, and plenty of it as the result of the clash between Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, and Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, is the confident prediction today of those in a position to know.

It is declared here in well-informed quarters that the outcome of the matter will be one of two things. Either Ballinger or Pinchot will be forced out of the public service, or they will even happen that both will be forced out.

Strong reasons exist for the belief that the fight has merely started. Developments of a highly sensational sort are expected in many quarters.

It is certain that when Gifford Pinchot, who is something of a fighter himself, launched forth in an attack on Secretary Ballinger at the Spokane irrigation congress he did it with the full knowledge it would mean war. He knew that after such a speech either Ballinger would get his official scalp or he would get Ballinger's and that possibly President Taft might take the scalp of both.

It is expected here that the irrigation congress at Spokane will pass resolutions which will either directly or indirectly condemn the policy pursued by Secretary Ballinger. It is pretty well known that the enthusiastic supporters of conservation at the irrigation congress are bent on doing this, unless more conservative policies prevail and they are turned away from their purpose.

It is needless to say that the row has stirred up great excitement in both the Interior Department and in the Forest Service. It is just coming to be appreciated that the cabinet officers may be involved and that this may mean a split in the cabinet and one or more cabinet changes.

Secretary Wilson has been steadily backing Mr. Pinchot. He himself has had friction with Ballinger. It will require some clever diplomacy on the part of the President if he is able to compose this trouble so that both Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Wilson remain in his official family, to say nothing of keeping both Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Pinchot.

While there are many reports that President Taft is squarely backing Ballinger, there are also voices which indicate that President Taft is not going to let Ballinger and Pinchot threaten out their differences, withholding his hand until he sees more clearly just which one is right.

## NOT ONE POWER SITE TAKEN BY TRUSTS

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 12.—Replying to statements made before the irrigation

Asylum Treatment Displeases.

"The court is by no means satisfied with the treatment which Thaw has received at Matteawan since his return there in October last, after his unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide to obtain his freedom. No one could help being greatly moved by the deep and manifestly unfeigned distress of the mother when, as a witness, she narrated that treatment. It must be understood that Thaw is not at the hospital as a criminal to undergo punishment. The jury, the supreme authority in the matter, has, by its verdict, declared him innocent of any crime in the matter."

"The jury's verdict must be respected, at least, by all public officials. In the hospital he must be regarded as an unfortunate person afflicted with mental derangement, there not to be punished for any crime, but solely to be cared for, protected, and guarded so that he may not injure another or himself, but always with the distinct hope that he may be cured ultimately, however great or small that hope may really be. It is well, therefore, that care should be exercised by the authorities that Thaw be not favored because of the wealth and social position of his family. It is well, however, that care be exercised that he be not treated any worse on these accounts."

The decision ends with the statement that "the enlargement of Harry K. Thaw would be dangerous to the community, and he is therefore remanded to Matteawan Asylum, whence he was produced before this court."

THAW IS SHOCKED; FAMILY IS STUNNED

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Sullen and silent in his cell at the White

A Door One and a Half Inches Thick, \$1.50

Frank Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. Ave.—Adv.

## HARRY THAW LOSES FIGHT FOR LIBERTY, RETURNS TO ASYLUM

Judge Holds Him Insane and Dangerous to the Community.

## SHOCK TO PRISONER AND HIS RELATIVES

Court Refers to Thaw's Ancestry, His Boyhood, and Manhood.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Harry K. Thaw was today sent back to Matteawan, to be held an insane man. Justice Isaac Mills today filed his decision, denying Thaw's application for release and ordering him returned to the mad-house from which he has been fighting for his freedom ever since he was committed there by Justice Dowling at the end of his second murder trial, when he was acquitted on the ground of insanity.

Justice Mills' decision was a voluminous document, reviewing all the testimony taken at the three weeks' trial which ended Saturday.